

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. Claims 1, 3 to 8, 10, 12 to 17, 19 and 21 to 26 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 26 are the independent claims. Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 26 are being amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication, in the Office Action, that Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims are not being rewritten since it is Applicants belief that the claims from which these claims depend are also allowable over the cited art.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 21, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,321 (Choo), and Claims 4, 13 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Choo and U.S. Patent No. 6,426,798 (Yeung).

The present invention generally concerns generating print output conforming to the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language, which is used to represent both text and image output. In one embodiment of the present invention, a printer driver receives the application program output and generates print output in the form of SVG output from the application program output. In another embodiment of the invention, a printer receives SVG print output and produces a print image from the SVG print output.

Independent Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 26 are amended to include the feature of converting absolute coordinates to SVG dimensions in accordance with physical dimensions of an output medium and a desired resolution.

The applied art, namely Choo and Yeung, is not seen to disclose this feature. Choo is seen to describe converting a low resolution bitmapped image to a higher resolution for printing on a printer using horizontal and vertical gradients to assign values to each pixel in an expanded bitmap. However, Choo is not seen to convert absolute coordinates to SVG dimensions in accordance with physical dimensions of an output medium and a desired resolution

Yeung has been reviewed and is not seen to remedy the deficiencies noted with respect to Choo.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Claim 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 26 are believed to be in condition for allowance.


The other claims are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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